[English]

Closure of Polluting Industries

677. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Supreme Court directed the Central Government on 28th August, 1996 to constitute an authority headed by a High Court judge within a month empowering it to order the closure of polluting industries, impose fines and order compensation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government on the directions of the Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Supreme Court in its judgement dated August 28, 1996 in Writ Petition No. 914 of 1991 - Vellore Citizens Welfare Forum versus Union of India and Others has directed that the Central Government shall constitute an authority under Section 3(3) of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and shall confer on the said authority all the powers necessary to deal with the situation created by the tanneries and other polluting industries in the State of Tamil Nadu. The Authority shall be headed by a retired judge of the High Court and it may have other members preferably with expertise in the field of pollution control and environment protection - to be appointed by the Central Government. The Central Government shall confer on the said authority the powers to issue directions under Sections 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and for taking measures with respect to the matters referred to in Clauses (v), (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix), (x) and (xii) of sub-Section (2) of Section 3. The Supreme Court had directed the Central Government to constitute the authority before September 30, 1996.

(c) In compliance of the Supreme Court order the Government has constituted the Loss of Ecology (Prevention and Payments of Compensation) Authority for the State of Tamil Nadu on September 30, 1996. The constitution of the Authority, as notified on October 12, 1996, is as under :

(i)	Justice Shri P. Bhaskaran (Retired Judge of the Madras High Court)	- Chairperson
(ii)	The Secretary, Government to Tamil Nadu, Department of Environment	- Member
(iii)	The Member Secretary Central Pollution Control Board	- Member
(iv)	Dr. B.B. Sundaresan (Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Madras)	- Member Secretary

Saving-cum-Relief Scheme

678. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a final decision to continue the Centrally Sponsored Saving-cum-Relief Scheme to remove the difficulties experienced by the marine fishermen; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir. Ministry of Agriculture has recommended continuation and it is pending for finalisation.

(b) Does not arise

Development of Horticulture

679. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are working out a special action plan for the Horticulture development during the Ninth Five Year Plan in view of the huge export potential of Horticulture produce; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the outlays proposed for the purpose under the Central Project Schemes in each State particularly in Maharashtra and Goa?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Statewise and Schemewise outlays are finalised after the plan outlays are communicated by the Planning Commission.

[Translation]

Foreign Nationals in India

680. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of foreign nationals staying in India without valid passport; and

(b) the action taken against them alongwith the period of their stay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). Powers of the Central Government under the Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920, Registration of Foreigners Act, 1939 and the Foreigners Act, 1946 have been entrusted to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations with their prior consultation under Articles 258/239 of the Constitution. No data regarding

the action taken against foreigners under these enactments is centrally maintained. Central Government is aware of the problem of illegal infiltrators and has from time to time sensitised the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations and have requested them to launch special drives to identify, detect and deport the foreign nationals staying in India illegally.

Krishi Vigyan Kendras

681. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of the Krishi Vigyan Kendras functioning at present in the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the technical and non-technical Staff is in full strength in these Kendras;

(c) if so, whether these Kendras are functioning smoothly; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) There are two Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh; one at Ranichauri in Tehri Garhwal district and another at Pithoragarh in Pithoragarh district which are running under the administrative control of G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) With the support of the scientists and non-technical staff from the G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, the activities are carred on smoothly.

(d) The question does not arise.

Representation from Other Backward Classes

682. SHRI GANGA CHARAN RAJPUT : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the State Governments are following the policy of reservation for other backward classes in services uniformly;

(b) if not, give the details the policy of reservation being followed by the State Governments;

(c) whether the candidates of backward classes have also been given due reservation in the various commissions also;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken to ensure proper representation?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Information available upto December 1995 is given in the Statement enclosed.

(c) to (e). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House. As per the provision of NCBC Act, 1993 there is no reservation of backward classes in NCBC. However, Section 2(c) provides for appointment of two persons who have special knowledge in matters relating to Backward Classes.

STATEMENT

Percentage of Reservation to OBCs in Direct Recruitment in State/UT Services

S.No.	Name of the State	% of reservation
1.	Andhra Pradesh	25
2.	Assam	15
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	-
4.	Bihar	26
5.	Goa	2
6.	Gujarat	27
7.	Haryana	27
8.	Himachal Pradesh	20
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	2
10.	Karnataka	32
11.	Kerala	40
12.	Madhya Pradesh	14
13.	Maharashtra	32
14.	Manipur	-
15.	Meghalaya	-
16.	Mizoram	-
17.	Nagaland	-
18.	Orissa	27
19.	Punjab	5
20.	Rajasthan	22
21.	Sikkim	21
22.	Tamil Nadu	50
23.	Tripura	-
24.	Uttar Pradesh	27
25.	West Bengal	5
26.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	-
27.	Chandigarh	27
28.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	5
29.	Delhi	27
30.	Daman and Diu	27
31.	Lakshadweep	-
32.	Pondicherry	27